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(b) the letter of the Inspector-General of Registration asking for the creation of a selection grade of sub-registrars; and

(ii) to state—

(a) on what principle the persons referred to in clause (i) (a) were selected from the total body of sub-registrars;

(b) the name of those who have been put into the new selection grade; and

(c) whether the claims of any persons have been superseded and if so, why?

A.—(i) (a) The list is published in the list of officers in the Registration department.

(b) A copy of the letter is appended herewith.^a

(ii) (a) The selection was made with reference to seniority, efficiency and community.

(b) A list is appended.^a

(c) Persons who were considered unfit have been superseded.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Navigation

Expenditure on improvements to the Buckingham Canal.

658 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government intend to spend about 3 lakhs of rupees on the Buckingham canal;

(b) what the extent of this canal is;

(c) what benefit it is hoped to be derived from this improvement; and

(d) what is the estimated return from this further investment of 3 lakhs?

A.—(a) Estimates amounting to Rs. 1.92 lakhs have been approved for the improvement of the junction canal and the south section of the canal and an allotment of Rs. 62,700 is made in the current year's budget.

(b) The canal is 262 miles long extending from Peddaganjam in the Guntur district to Markanam in the South Arcot district.

(c) Boats will be able to use the canal to a greater extent than is now possible.

(d) An extra annual revenue of Rs. 1.16 lakhs is expected ultimately from a gradual increase in the fees.

Forest Panchayats

Nomination of depressed classes to forest panchayats in Ceded districts.

659 Q.—Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many forest panchayat courts have been started in the Ceded districts;

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(b) how many Forest Panchayat Tahsildars have been appointed in the Ceded districts; and

(c) how many members of the depressed classes have been nominated to the forest panchayat in each district of the Ceded districts?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1318, Revenue, dated 21st June 1928, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. The reference to forest panchayat courts is however not understood.

(b) Eight.

(c) There are some 1,130 panchayats. The Government have no particulars as to the personnel of these panchayats.

Irrigation

Improvement of the third reach of the Pandavayyar.

660 Q.—Mr. O. MARUDAVANAM PILLAI:—Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1399 answered on 25th January 1928—

(a) whether the report called for from the Chief Engineer on the financial aspects of the scheme for the improvement of the third reach of the Pandavayyar has been received;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been sanctioned;

(c) whether provision will be made in the next budget for the execution of this scheme; and

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints about the very great difficulties which the mirasdars concerned are undergoing owing to the delay caused in the execution of the scheme?

A.—(a) A report on the financial aspect of the scheme is still awaited by the Government. The Chief Engineer obtained a report from the Collector and forwarded it to the Board of Revenue in May last; but as the information contained therein was incomplete, the Board has made a further reference to the Collector.

(b) & (c) No.

(d) Yes.

The Monigedda scheme.

661 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report from the Chief Engineer re-examining the Thorrigedda scheme referred to in the answer to question No. 779 answered on 21st October 1927 has been received; and what it is;

(b) if not, when it is likely to be received;

(c) what the rough estimate of the scheme is; and

(d) whether the same will be provided for in the next budget?

A.—(a) to (c) A preliminary report has been submitted by the Chief Engineer. The gist of it is that the submersion of the surrounding villages would be mitigated if about 5 miles of bank from the mouth of the vagu, together with three outfall sluices, were constructed at an approximate cost of Rs. 66,000. The Chief Engineer, however, stated that it was not possible to say

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that the proposed works would provide any substantial protection, until the scheme was investigated in detail. Before deciding if the Chief Engineer should be asked to take up the detailed investigation of the scheme, the Collector was asked to report what amount the ryots were prepared to pay towards the cost of the scheme. A reply to this reference is awaited.

(d) No.

Estimates for the Gundlakamma project.

662 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 785 (c) answered on 21st October 1927 regarding the estimates for the Gundlakamma project—

(a) what the further information called for from the Chief Engineer is ;

(b) whether the further information called for as stated in October last has been received ; and

(c) if so, what the information is ?

A.—(a) to (c) The information called for from the Chief Engineer was a list of villages which would be served by the Gundlakamma project and the area in each irrigable by it. This was placed on the Council table in reply to question No. 784 on the same date. The information had already been furnished to M.R.Ry. C. V. Krishna Rao, landholder of Ongole, to enable him to find out what water-rate he could persuade the ryots to pay, the water-rate necessary for the project to be taken up as a protective work according to the criterion laid down by the Indian Irrigation Commission being Rs. 17 per acre roughly. Mr. Krishna Rao reported that the ryots might be persuaded to accept a water-rate of Rs. 15 per acre, and the Government subsequently ordered the re-investigation of the project in G.O. No. 2919 I., dated 5th December 1927, which was placed on the Editors' Table. The Chief Engineer is now re-examining the project.

Land Assignment

Assignment of lands on the Shevaroy Hills.

663 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the application made by certain planters for the assignment of 6,000 acres of land on Shevaroy Hills has been considered by the Government ; and

(b) whether the said lands have been assigned to them ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such application has reached the Government.

Land Revenue

Failure of crops in Tinnevely district.

664 Q.—Mr. DANIEL THOMAS: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the failure of the south-west monsoon and the consequent failure of crops in the Tinnevely district ;

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- (b) what progress has been made with reference to the Papanasam hydro-electric scheme and when the actual operations will commence; and
(c) whether the said scheme will materially improve the irrigation facilities of the Tambraparani area, and, if so, to what extent?

- A.—(a) The Government has received reports which show that the average rainfall this year was about five-eighths of the normal and that the paddy crop suffered considerably in consequence in parts of the district.
(b) The hon. Member is referred to the Press Communiqué issued on 19th June 1928 (G.O. No. 1565 W.) and to the answer given to question No. 92 at the meeting of the Council on the 4th September 1928. The proposals are under consideration and it cannot at present be definitely said when actual operations can be commenced.
(c) The scheme is intended mainly for the development of industries and the question raised has not yet been investigated.

Minor Irrigation

Maximum of expenditure on restoration of breached tanks.

665 Q.—MR. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any rule that in the restoration of breached tanks, the revenue expected after construction should be at least 5 per cent of the outlay required?

- A.—The rule is that in the case of schemes costing Rs. 10,000 or under (including restoration of ruined tanks or tanks long in disuse) detailed investigation is made only if a return of 5 per cent is anticipated or if the execution of the work can be justified as a protection against famine or for other special reasons, while, in the case of schemes costing over Rs. 10,000, preliminary reports are obtained before detailed investigation is ordered.

Berm-cutting in the Ceded districts.

666 Q.—MR. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Member of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Irrigation Committee appointed for the Ceded districts, recommended the taking up of the work of cutting berms in all spring channels by Government, and if so, why the proposal has not yet been sanctioned by Government; and
(b) whether the Government will be pleased to sanction a fair grant for such works every year, as several channels have deteriorated for want of berms?

- A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 2418, Revenue, dated 15th October 1928, which has been placed on Editors' Table.
(b) The question will be considered after the report on the result of the experiment called for in paragraph 3 of the Government Order has been received.

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Maximum of expenditure on repairs to minor irrigation tanks.

667 Q.—Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any rule that in the repairs of minor irrigation tanks, the amount of estimate for repairs should not exceed five years' revenue realized under the tank?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Repairs to irrigation tanks in East Godavari Agency.

668 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the area of cultivated wet lands in the East Godavari Agency is;

(b) how much of it is irrigated by tanks;

(c) what the amount sanctioned during last year for repairs and improvements to these tanks is; and

(d) how much of it was actually spent?

A.—(a) & (b) The Agent has been asked to report if the information can be compiled from such accounts as are maintained in the Agency.

(c) & (d) A report has been called for.

Labour*Appointment of a new District Labour Officer for Malabar.*

669 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a District Labour Officer for Malabar paid or honorary was appointed since the death of P. V. Gopalan, late District Labour Officer; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Labour Department to ameliorate the condition of Nayadis in Malabar?

A.—(a) The Tahsildar of Calicut has been placed in charge of the office of District Labour Officer, Malabar, in addition to his own duties since the death of Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan. The question of appointing a full-time officer is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Land has been acquired for housing Nayadis' families. Further steps towards the amelioration of the Nayadis will be taken up when a full-time District Labour Officer is appointed.

Police*Alleged dismissal of Mr. V. S. Patro, a third-grade Sub-Inspector.*

670 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Mr. V. S. Patro, a third-grade Sub-Inspector, was dismissed from service while working in the Agency, East Godavari; and

(b) what the reasons for such dismissal are?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) He was dismissed on charges of extortion and false investigation.

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Jails

Prisoners connected with the Malabar rebellion.

671 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 771 answered on 31st March 1927, regarding prisoners connected with the Malabar rebellion, whether the information called for has been received and if so, what it is?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 519 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council, dated 18th October 1927.

Education

Number and strength of elementary schools in each district.

672 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of boys and girls available for attending elementary schools in each district;

(b) the number actually attending the schools; and

(c) whether the Government have got any scheme under which almost every boy is provided with facilities for receiving elementary education?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to tables (45) and (62) of the Supplemental statistics in Part I of Volume II of the report of Public Instruction for the year 1926–27 and for the quinquennium 1921–22 to 1926–27, which give the male and female population of the Madras Presidency according to districts and the number of boys and girls in public elementary schools on 31st March 1927. It is presumed that by the term “number of boys and girls available for attending elementary schools” the hon. Member means the number of boys and girls of school-age. This number is generally taken as 15 per cent of the male and female population respectively.

(c) The question of revising the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, so as to make possible within a reasonable time free and compulsory elementary education for all children of school-age, is under the consideration of Government.

Local Boards

Trifurcation of the Rajahmundry taluk board.

673 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision regarding the trifurcation of Taluk Board of Rajahmundry; and

(b) if so, what it is?

A.—(a) & (b) No decision has been arrived at. A report called for in November 1927 from the President, District Board, East Godavari, on the financial aspect of the proposal is still awaited.

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Municipal Councils

Alleged grievances of teachers in Municipal High School, Cuddapah.

674 Q.—Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorial or petition from the teachers of the Municipal High School, Cuddapah, regarding their grievances ; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to enquire in detail about the working of the school and the grievances of the teachers.

A.—(a) No.

(b) No case has been made out for such an enquiry.

Medical

Number of students who passed out of the Vellore Mission Medical School.

675 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of contribution made by Government to the Vellore Mission Medical School for each of the last four years ;

(b) the number of students who passed out of that school last year ; and

(c) how many of them were from Travancore and how many from Cochin ?

A.—(a) The contribution is as follows :—

Year.	Amount.
	Rs.
1924-25	18,500
1925-26	8,170
1926-27	7,220
1927-28	7,080

(b) Eleven.

(c) Two from Travancore and none from Cochin.

Strength of the Lady Willingdon Medical School, Madras.

676 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what the strength of the Lady Willingdon Medical School, Madras, is ; and

(b) how much accommodation there is and how many passed out of it last year ?

A.—(a) 95.

(b) Twenty-five students can be admitted into the school every year. Eleven students passed in the Board examinations held in April and October 1927 and ten students in the examination held in April 1928.

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Provision of a ward in the General Hospital for the Madras University students.

677 Q.—MR. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether any ward has been provided in the General Hospital for the Madras University students?

A.—No.

Allegations against the authorities of the Government Caste and Gosha Hospital.

678 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the serious allegations made against the authorities of the Government Caste and Gosha Hospital, Madras, in respect of the treatment of the case of the late Azizunissa whose confinement was entrusted to the authorities of the said hospital in February 1928, and whose demise took place in the hospital itself;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in the matter; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to take any action to prevent similar irregularities in future?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Government have obtained a report on the subject, and have satisfied themselves that there were no shortcomings on the part of the staff of the hospital in dealing with the case and that everything possible was done for the patient.

Conduct of post-mortem examination of women.

679 Q.—MR. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many cases of women (Muslim and non-Muslim separately) have come up for post-mortem examination from 1920 to 1928 annually in this Presidency; and

(b) in how many cases (Muslim and non-Muslim separately) the post-mortem was conducted by lady doctors alone?

A.—(a) & (b) The information is furnished below:—

Year.	Number of cases which came up for post-mortem examination.		Number of cases in which the post-mortem examination was conducted by lady doctors.	
	Muslim women.	Non-Muslim women.	Muslim women.	Non-Muslim women.
1920	30	1,262	3	2
1921	32	1,262	1	..
1922	29	1,143	1	1
1923	42	1,182	3	..
1924	44	1,343	3	4
1925	33	1,321	..	9
1926	47	1,454	3	15
1927	49	1,453	15	36
1928	40	1,127	13	10

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Public Health

Vaccination of infants of very tender age.

680 Q.—RAO SAHIB R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what steps the Government propose to take to relieve infants under six months of age from the evil effects of vaccination such as itch and sores and their parents from inconvenience; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the depressed classes women have often to carry their infants of very tender age for miles in the scorching sun to the vaccination centre and that after waiting there for long hours are ordered to go to another centre the next day?

A.—(a) Vaccination when properly performed is not attended with ill effects such as itches and sores. The Government have issued detailed instructions for the use of vaccine lymph.

(b) No such complaints have so far been received.

Agriculture

Action taken on the recommendations of the Agricultural Commission.

681 Q.—MR. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture have been accepted by the Government and what steps have been taken to give effect to them?

A.—Pending the communication of the decisions arrived at at the conference convened by the Government of India recently to discuss the recommendations of the Royal Commission this Government have not definitely decided as to what recommendations should be accepted and what steps should be taken to give effect to them.

Economic position of indigenous manures.

682 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to question No. 724 answered on 31st March 1927—

(a) the nature and quantity of manures that were exported from this province in each of the years from 1920-21 to 1926-27; and

(b) when the Government of India was last reminded about the appointment of a committee to examine the economic position of indigenous manures?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to 'the annual statements of the Sea-borne trade and Navigation of the Madras Presidency.'

(b) The Government of India were last reminded on 21st March 1927 about the appointment of a committee, but the matter was dropped by them as the Royal Commission were expected to survey the matter. The hon. Member's attention is invited to paragraphs 87, 91 and 92 on pages 87-89, 92-93 of the Royal Commission's Report where the subject has been discussed in detail.

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Vacancies in the posts of Deputy Directors of Agriculture and Government Agricultural Chemist.

683 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) why the two posts of Deputy Directors of Agriculture and the posts of Government Agricultural Chemist have been kept vacant ;
- (b) whether these posts would be abolished hereafter ; and
- (c) why it was found necessary to create three temporary posts outside the Madras Agricultural Service ?

A.—(a) These appointments were held by officers who were officiating in the Indian Agricultural Service. As a result of the Lee Commission Report all recruitment to the Indian Agricultural Service had to be stopped and those who were only officiating in this service could not be confirmed. These appointments had therefore to be held in abeyance.

(b) They will be abolished from the cadre of the Indian Agricultural Service but will be included in the new Provincial Service to be constituted.

(c) As these officers could no longer be borne in the cadre of the Indian Agricultural Service, temporary posts outside the cadre of the Madras Agricultural Service had to be created pending the constitution of the new Provincial Service.

Agricultural demonstrators in North Arcot district.

684 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARAMAN NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many agricultural demonstrators there are for North Arcot district ;

(b) why no one has been stationed at Vellore the headquarters of the district and at Ranipet where a big weekly market is held ; and

(c) the number of villages which each Inspector is bound to visit every year ?

A.—(a) Five.

(b) There was an officer at Vellore till May 1924. As Vellore was found to be too urban a centre for the demonstrator to be in touch with cultivators his headquarters were shifted to Polur. There is a demonstrator at Wallajah which is more central than Ranipet. The presence of the market is not the only consideration for fixing the headquarters of the demonstrator.

(c) There is no hard and fast rule prescribing the number of villages the demonstrator should visit each year but the average number visited during the year 1927-28 was 57.

Co-operative Societies

Appointment of Muhammadans as Deputy Registrars in the Co-operative Department.

685 Q.—Mr. ABDUL WAHAB SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no Muhammadan has ever been appointed in the Co-operative Department, though eight gazetted appointments in the cadre of Deputy Registrars have been sanctioned by Government ?

A.—It is not a fact.

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Industries

Experiments in extracting oil from oil seeds.

686 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 759 (b) answered on 21st October 1927—

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any experiments to find out the cheapest and efficient method for expelling oil from oil seeds;

(b) if not, when the same will be undertaken;

(c) whether the schemes and estimates are ready;

(d) if not, when they are likely to be got ready; and

(e) whether the amount required for this purpose will be provided for in the next budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Possibilities of manufacturing sandalwood oil in this province.

687 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government will take any steps to examine the possibilities of manufacturing sandalwood oil in this province; and what they are?

A.—The answer to the first part of the question is 'No.' The second part does not arise.

Management of the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited.

688 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the sums lent to the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, cannot be realized unless the Government assume the management of the mill and unless further sums are advanced to it for starting and carrying on the work; and

(b) whether the Government have been warned that there will be a paper famine of the world wide character and whether they propose to take any steps to protect this Province from scarcity of paper?

A.—(a) The Government have no data on which a reply to this question can be given.

(b) The Government have had no warnings.

Opening of a model industrial school in Northern Circars.

689 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a proposal to start a model industrial school in the Northern Circars;

(b) whether the proposal has been dropped;

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- (c) if so, why;
- (d) whether there are any such schools in the northern districts;
- (e) how many such schools there are in the southern districts; and
- (f) whether the Government will reconsider the question?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 1337, dated 13th September 1926, which has been placed on Editors' Table.

(d) There are no Government schools there.

(e) One.

(f) A report has been called for from the Director of Industries.

Utilization of the amounts allotted for State Aid to Industries.

690 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what the reasons are for the failure of Government to spend the sums allotted under Loans and Advances by Provincial Government Advances under special laws—State Aids to Industries during the last three years; and

(b) what steps the Government intend to take for utilizing the sums allotted?

A.—(a) The entire amount could not be spent as the applications received did not in all cases satisfy the provisions of section 9 and in some they did not come within the scope of section 5 of the Act.

(b) The Government have recently amended the Act exempting small scale and cottage industries from certain sections thereof relating to security, maintenance of accounts, etc. It is likely that this step will lead to a greater measure of assistance being availed of by smaller concerns in future.

Qualifications of the Industrial Engineer.

691 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to question No. 820 answered on 31st March 1927, regarding the qualifications of the Industrial Engineer—

(a) whether the report referred to in answer to clause (d) has been received;

(b) whether the same will be published;

(c) whether the Government have come to any decision with reference to the appointment of a qualified man in charge of the Industrial Workshop; and

(d) if so, what the decision is?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the report published in answer to clause (c) of question No. 664 asked at the meeting of the Council held on 19th October 1927.

(c) & (d) The present Industrial Engineer is quite competent to hold charge of the Workshop and it is not the intention to appoint any one else for charge of it.